

country. If I did not think it was important, if I did not think the President had a role, if I did not think the President was in fact the leader of the free world, then I probably would not be here. He would be like any other American who did not have to participate in the process.

Well, he was elected to participate in the process; he was elected to lead this country; he was elected to change this country. What he has done is elected not to participate. I think we need to point that out. We need to continue to point that out until he elects to participate.

So I will be back and I will talk about the number of days with no proposal to balance the budget from President Clinton.

#### QUORUM CALL

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Mr. SANTORUM. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The clerk will continue calling the roll.

The legislative clerk resumed the call of the roll and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

Abraham	Kerrey	Santorum
Hollings	Pressler	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A quorum is not present.

The clerk will call the names of the absent Senators.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I move to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion of the Senator from Pennsylvania. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the

Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] is absent because of a funeral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 80, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 246 Leg.]

#### YEAS—80

Abraham	Feingold	Lieberman
Akaka	Feinstein	Lott
Baucus	Ford	Lugar
Bingaman	Frist	McConnell
Bond	Glenn	Mikulski
Bradley	Gorton	Moseley-Braun
Brown	Graham	Moynihan
Bryan	Grassley	Murkowski
Bumpers	Gregg	Murray
Burns	Harkin	Packwood
Byrd	Hatch	Pell
Campbell	Hatfield	Pressler
Chafee	Heflin	Pryor
Coats	Hollings	Reid
Cochran	Hutchison	Robb
Cohen	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Conrad	Inouye	Roth
Craig	Jeffords	Santorum
D'Amato	Johnston	Sarbanes
Daschle	Kassebaum	Simon
DeWine	Kerrey	Snowe
Dodd	Kerry	Thomas
Dole	Kohl	Thompson
Domenici	Kyl	Thurmond
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Warner
Exon	Leahy	Wellstone
Faircloth	Levin	

#### NAYS—8

Bennett	Kempthorne	Nickles
Breaux	Mack	Smith
Grams	McCain	

#### NOT VOTING—12

Ashcroft	Gramm	Shelby
Biden	Helms	Simpson
Boxer	Kennedy	Specter
Coverdell	Nunn	Stevens

So the motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. With the addition of Senators voting who did not answer the quorum call, a quorum is now present.

The Senate will come to order.

The majority leader.

#### THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me indicate this is the first time we have had a vote like this all year. I do not like these kinds of votes because it punishes people who are not here for no good reason, but we could not get an agreement to vote on an amendment and, as I understand it, we are not going to get any time agreement on any amendment.

The managers have been doing an excellent job, I want to indicate, both to Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS. I would like to complete action on this bill. It is a very important bill. No one is trying to rush it, but if we cannot get an agreement on a technical vote, I do not know what other recourse there is but sometime today to file cloture, have a pro forma session

tomorrow, and then have a cloture vote on Monday around 5 o'clock to see if we cannot speed up movement of this bill.

If there is a willingness to agree to vote on the very important amendment offered by Senator DORGAN and Senator THURMOND from South Carolina, even at 5 o'clock on Monday, if we could agree to vote at 5 o'clock on Monday, agree to vote on the Santorum amendment here in the next 30 minutes? Failing that, we will have no recourse. Under the order, as I understand it, the Senator from Pennsylvania will be recognized to offer his amendment. We can have a vote, move to table the amendment, vote against tabling, and we can have another vote and another vote. But we do not make any progress.

But if the Senator from Nebraska is determined, as I believe he is, that we will not have any agreements or any votes, then we will just have to have some procedural votes between now and 2 o'clock.

If there is any inclination on anybody's part to make any kind of agreement, certainly I am prepared as the leader to try to accommodate all of my colleagues, many of whom are not here today, and many of whom would like not to be here today.

But, having said that, I yield the floor.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, if I may respond, what transpired here this morning was we were debating the second-degree amendment offered by the Senator from South Carolina to the underlying amendment offered last night by the Senator from North Dakota. We had a short period of debate last night. We came in here early this morning. We had just begun the debate and the Senator from Pennsylvania came to the floor, I understood with an amendment, and asked for unanimous consent to go into morning session.

I did not, in good conscience, in good faith to a colleague, ask for any time limitation.

Then the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania came—and not for the purpose of talking for a short period of time and then going to his amendment—with a very provocative, very effective, but very provocative political appeal against the President of the United States, to which I responded; to which I was quite willing to respond at an even longer time and had no opportunity. I had a very short exchange with the Senator from Pennsylvania on that issue.

I laid his amendment aside, which I think is appropriate for me to do. He has provoked an argument not on his amendment but on another issue. I did not choose to do that. He chose to come to the floor and, instead of addressing his amendment, provoked a debate on another subject. I laid that amendment aside and began to prepare my remarks to address the subject that he chose.